

COUNCIL BRIEFS

January 15, 2016

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration: Join us for the 20th annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life on Monday, January 18, 2016 in the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium, 10:00-11:30 AM. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Constance Belton Green, a renowned consultant on diversity and race and the first African American woman to receive a Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut, School of Law. The special event also includes Rabbi Debra Cantor of B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, Mayor Scott Slifka, and Leslie Mayes of NBC Connecticut News. Taylor Andrew Steer of Conard High School and Mariel Sofia Correa-Maynard of Hall High School will give the student perspective speeches. Featured musical performances include the Conard High School's Jazz Combo, Conard's Voices of the World Choir, and the King Philip Singers. The celebration is free and is open to the public.

Eversource Open House: The Eversource Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project includes the construction of a new 3.8-mile underground 115-kilovolt electric transmission line between Eversource's Newington Substation and its Southwest Hartford Substation. The proposed new line would be located primarily under the streets in Newington, West Hartford and Hartford.

Eversource's efforts to seek community input on the proposed project will include a regional Open House on Wednesday, January 20, 6:00-8:00 PM, at Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue. Residents and business owners will have an opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions of experts, and provide feedback. All written comments received will be provided to the CT Siting Council and become part of the Siting record. It is anticipated that construction would begin in mid-2017 and be complete in late-2018.

Protective Services for the Elderly Training:

The State Department of Social Services presented an informative training session on Protective Services for the Elderly statute to several staff members of the West Hartford Senior Center in Bishops Corner on Dec. 16.

Senior Center staff members learned about the definitions of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, as well as how to respond to, and if necessary, report concerns. "It is important for our staff to be able to identify issues that may befall our senior center clients and community," said Gina Marino, Senior Center Director

Assessment Appeal process begins: The West Hartford Board of Assessment Appeals is now accepting appeal applications for real estate, personal property and motor vehicle assessments on the October 1, 2014 Grand List and motor vehicles assessments on the October 1, 2014 Supplemental Grand List.

Appeal applications are [available online](#) or in the Assessment Office, Room 142, of Town Hall. Applications can be mailed to the West Hartford Assessment Office, Attn: Board of Assessment Appeals, 50 South Main St. Appeal applications must be completed and received or postmarked by *February 22, 2016*.

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